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REVIEW OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS INVOLVING THE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING ON JANUARY 24, 2012, BABBITT, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA

Attached please find a copy of my letter to Sheriff Ross Litman in this matter.

The letter sets forth the facts and discussion of the law supporting my finding that Officer Shenett was authorized by law and justified under the circumstances to use deadly force in the January 24 incident involving Derek Nathan Klingfus.

The matter of charges against Mr. Klingfus is still under investigation. Therefore, no other information will be released at this time. Mr. Klingfus is not in custody.

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